

UNOFFICIAL VERSIONS OF AUSTRIAN REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY

OFFICIAL REPLY EXPECTED SOON

Persistence of Austria-Hungary in Course Would Sever Diplomatic Relations.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- The United States will regard Austria's reply to the American note regarding the Ancona affair as unsatisfactory and un-acceptable, should the official text be identical with the unofficial versions in the London and Amsterdam press dispatches. The reply is momentarily expected at the state department tentickt.

The persistence of Austrian-Hungary in the course she apparently has determined to pursue would result in a severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Vienwas authoritively stated tonight, without one more communication being dispatched by Vienna. .

The United States is described as

being prepared to insist that. Austria Hungary promptly comply with the demands for disavowal, purishment of the submarine commander and reparation by payment or in-demnity for the Americans killed or injured. Making a clear failure will mean an immediate break in rela-tions.

The second note, it is said, would renew the original demands without a discussion of an exchange of views and be more neighbor.

DISPATCH REPORTS FEELING IN VIENNA CHARLESTON MEET

London, Dec. 16.-An Exchange telegraph Amsterdam dispatch quotes a Vienna felegram saying that the feeling there is that the United States wil ask for the recall of the Austrian embassy, as the American Ancona note is not couched in suc terms that such step is considered

unavoidable.

It is said that the note was sub mitted to the German ambassador be-fore presentation to Ambassador Penfield, says the dispatch, and that Dr. Dumba recalled ambassador to the United tates, took a hand in drafting

VERSION OF REPLY

AS TRUSHED

London, Dec. 16.—The Austrian reply to the American mote states that Austro-Hungary is prepared in principle to enter into an exchange of opinion with the American government and leaves it to the Washington of a national chamber of agriculture, a national system of rural credits and an enlarged merchant means and an enlarged merchant merchant means and an enlarged merchant mercha submarine that sunk the Ancona is alleged to have violated. The governmust expresses sympathy with the American victing. This is the version given by the Renter's Amsterdar expressional tria gays the answer was handed to Ambassador Penfield

Tuesday.
The correspondent quotes the note as follows in part: "From the sharpness with which in United States by The correspondent quotes the note as follows in part: "From the sharpness with which A. United States the test of the submarine, and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with which A. United States and from the firmness with the case is a based up to the control of the correspondence contained in the most allows numerous doctors, and giving "and at an sufficient states and finding the commander of the correspondence with the representation of the Correspondence in the firm that is also sole to follow the Wishington will be sold by an interpretation of all the correspondence having reference by it.

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New Mexican Ambassador to Washington



Ambassador Elísco Arredondo.

Eliseo Arredondo, former chief of Me Washington junta of the Carranzistas, has just been appointed na governments. This action would ranzistas, has just been appointed not be taken by the United States, it ambassador to this country from

Ambassador Arredondo is a first cousin of General Carranza on his mother's side and is a native of the state of Coahulla where the Carranza state of Coanulia where the Carranza family has lived for years. Before the revolution he was a federal district judge, and later, when Madero came into power, was a member of the lower house of the Mexican congress. After that he was secretary of the government of Coanulia a of the government of Coahulla, a position that corresponds to that of secretary of state in one of our states. Before he came to Washington, Mr. Arredondo was sub-secretary of the interior of the Carranza cabinet.

HEARS ADDRESSES

Varying Advice Given to Delegates on Many Various Subjects Yesterday.

Charleston, Dec. 16.-Dr. J. W. lenks, professor of government in he New York University, told the delegates to the outhern Commercial congress today that Germany's success in Latin-American trade was due to her training salesmen for that

cabinet to draw up individual legal credits and an enlarged merchant ma-maxims which the commander of Unr rine.

MOBLIZATION PLAN WAS BEFORE COMMONS

SAYS PACIFIC COAST AT MERCY OF ASIATIC ATTACK

WOULD CREATE MOBILE RESERVE

Soldiers With Families Be Settled on Land Provided By Government,

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Works of California, told the senate today that a standing army of 1,000,-000 men would be necessary for the defense of the United States against invasion and declared that the Pacific coast was completely at the mercy of an Asiatic attack.

He proposed as a part of preparedness a scheme for the creation of a mobile military reserve of 200,000 at a cost of \$50,000,000.

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According to Senator Works' bills this reserve would be settled with their families on five-acre tracts of land, provided by the government, supplementing ten months of productive work, such as irrigation, flood prevention and reforestration, with two months of military training, They would be soldier-settlers. would be soldier-settlers.

EXTENDS WAR TAX FOR ONE YEAR

Washington, Dec. 16.—The house tonight, by a vote of 205 to 189, passed a joint resolution extending the emergency war tax until December 31, 1918. The senate is expected to take similar action shortly. The law brings in revenue at the rate of \$32,060,060 yearly.

TURKO-GERMAN THREAT AGAINST EGYPT GRAVE

Double Track Railway Line Being Built From Damascus to Frontier.

Rome, Dec. 16.—The Turko-German threat against Egypt is becoming more grave daily in the opinion of mil-itary men here. The construction of a double track railway line from Dam-ascus to the Egyptian frontier is being pushed with extraordinary speed, and is expected to be finished by

Tals line at is considered by military men will permit the concentra-tion of a haif million men equipped and munitioned, on the Egyptian frontier in a menti.

About three hundred thousand Ot-toman troops drilled by Germans are

concentrated between Alessan dretts, Alarvo and Homa, it is report-Miles of tubes for carrying water

across the desert are being laid and material for bridges to cross the Sues canal is being provided. Turko-German emissarles are re-ported to be urging anti-British pro-

Rome newspapers ask if after the Balkan lesson the entents powers are going to allow themselves to be sur-

MORE TESTIMONY IN THE NEW HAVEN TRIAL

New York, Dec. 13: Tangled fire-cial transactions alleged to have been auglidered by Edward D. Robbins, futner general counsel of the New Hayen rallyoad to get the absumers/Hayward and Yale to the Pacific coast, netted him \$201,000, according to the reakoning of government counsel from the testimony at the triat of Fobblias and ten other former New Hayen directors, charged with authrust law conspiraty. He organized several companies to get the boats.

Importations Heavy.

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New York, Dec. 16. The importational of Francia gowing were heavier
during December than ever unions in
the memory of out outdoor officers.
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great percentage to to individuals who
probably bought them, personally in
Yeris ferosomes.

APPLICATIONS OF GREEN-WOOD BANKS WERE DISMISSED

BANKS HAVE REMEDY AT LAW

Victory for Attorney General's Office.

Columbia, Dec. 16. The act creatheld tonight in an order by the sution of the National Loan and Exjunction and the application of the Peoples' National bank of Greenwood for a mandamus, directed against the tax commission. The court says there is adequate remedy at law for these banks and refuses to enjoin the tax commission.

The winning of the case is accounted a great victory for Attorney General Peeples and Assistant Attorney General Dominick, who appeared for the tax commission. The attorneys who brought the action against the tax commision were F. B. Grier of Greenwood, T. P. Codaran of Green-ville and B. H. Moss of Orangeburg. The opinion was written by Asso-ciate Justice Fraser and concurred in by Chief Justice Gays and Asso-

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in by Chief Justice Gary and Asso-ciato Justice Hydrick. Associate Justice Gage dissented.

The opinion overrules Associate Justice Watts, who originally granted the relief asked for by the banks, the case being carried on appeal to the supreme court by Assistant Attorney General Dominick.

Peace Committees Expected to Confer on Baseball Matters on Arrival.

New York, Dec. 16.—The National league magnates passed to by in in-formal conference and perfunctory duties awaiting the arrival here tomorrow of the American league neace committee from Chicago. The American and minor leagues named com-mittees but the Federal and Nation-

al have not. The National will decide tomorrow.

resident Tener of the National, indicated in a statement that he was against barring contract jumpers, unless they made themselves morally unfit or a detriment to ball players.

PRESIDENT'S WEDDING ON SATURDAY NIGH

License Issued Yesterday-Honeymoon Plans Are Secret But They Come South.

Washington, Dec. 16.-The mar-Washington, Dec. 16.—The mar-riage Heense issued for President Wilson and Mrs. Galt today disclos-ed that a clergyman of Mrs. Galt's faith, Frv. Herbert Front Smith, Epis-copalian, will perform the caremony. The bresident is Presbyterhal and an elder in the church. The license gave the president's age as lity-uine and Mrs. Galt's as forty-three.

The ceremony will be at the Galt residence on Saturday night at nine o'clock, but honeymous panes are still secret, although it is known that the couple will go south.

Big Cargo Gaseline.
Charleston, Dec. 15.—The largest cargo of pasoline ever brought to Charleston arrived here Friday night on the steinier Louisians of the Toxas company, which after discharging her cargo of 1,400,000 gallous began the return voyage to Fort Arthor Sanday.

RECALLED GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHE MAKES AN-SWER TO CHARGES

INVENTIONS OF **NEWSPAPER MEN**

Winning of Case is Accounted Says He Proposes no Longer Bear Brunt of Absurd Stories.

New York, Dec. 16.—Captain Boying the state tax commission was up- Ed, the recalled German attache, in a statement issued tonight, branded preme court, dismissing the applica- as fabrications and inventions the newspaper reports that he had obchange bank of Greenwood for an in- tained, through secret agents, the confidential report prepared by the American naval office and submitted to President Wilson.

Captain Box-Ed said that as a matter of fact, he never heard of such a report and proposed to no longer bear the brunt of absurd stories put into circuiazion. Since he is no longer connected with the German embassy he feels free to talk.

SUFFRAGISTS APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEES

Both Sides Make Arguments to Committees of Senate and House.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The woman suffrage advocates appeared before the senate suffrage committee and women opposed to suffrage met with the house judiclary committee. Both sides presented arguments. Senator Funsdell called attention to suffrage that the women of the

of the negro women vote.

"It is not a negro question which is endangering suffrage in the south" replied Frances Johns of California, "but the factory owners who employ women and children."

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Mrs. Hattle Jacobs of Alabama told the house committee it is fallacy to cay suffrage in any way involved the race question. Enfranchisement, she said will still the subject to the same qualifications imposed upon men. She decried the attitude of many southern men toward women as "wards of the man" and said the women of the south do not want to be enfranchised within state limits.

Representative Whaley of South Carolina callenged afrs. Jacob's state-

Carolina callenged Mrs. Jacob's state-ment that there is no limitation to the chairman Webb raked her why wo-men did not go to the states instead "bothering congress with something congress has nothing to do with."

CHINA DISTURBED BY

Feking, Dec. 16.-China is much disturbed by rumors of ecrious up-risings in India as It is intimated in some quarters that this is made pos-sible by the smuggling from China to India, English newspapers charge that Chinese are entirely too friendly

with German agents.

Dispatches from Russia indicate that Fransian officials feel that German activities in China should be checked, and suggests that the allies some the German possessions in Chi-

forces of Emperor William will soon touch Chinese territory on the wesern fronk.

4,000 Killed by Drongitt.
London, Dec. 16.—The Melbourne correspondent of the Times tele-graphs:

Yuan Shih-K'ai, Emperor of China



Yuan Shi-kai, president of Chinese republic, has accepted offer of the counsel of state and accept the throne as emperor.

COOPER OF LAURENS

Grand Lodge Meeting at Charleston With Election of Officers.

Charleston, Dec. 16.—The Hon Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, was yesterday elected Grand Master & the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. After the Installation of the new grand master, and the appropriate the latest and the appropriate the second control of the second control Senator Fansdell called attention and the announcement by him of com-to suffrage, that the women of the mittees and district deputy appoint-south did not want to vote because ments, the 139th annual meeting of

the grand lodge adjourned.

The sessions had been in progress in the Masonic Temple here since Tuesday. Mr. Cooper succeeds George T. Bryan, of Greenville, who served two terms as grand master.

The newly elected grand master is well known all over the state. He is solicitor of the eighth, circuit, and here

solicitor of the eighth circuit, and has been prominent in Masonic circles a long time. His friends are congratulating him upon this elevation to the highest office in the gift of South Car-

olina Masons.
Following are the names of the officers elected:
The New Officers.

Grand Master-R. A. Cooper, Lau-Deputy Grand Master-William W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg. Senior Grand Warden-S. T. m, Spartanburg.

Grand Treasurer-William H. Prio-

UPRISINGS IN INDIA ctt. Anderson; and Charleston.
Grand Junion Deacons—(to be announced by Senior Grand Warden and installed in their own iciges.)
Grand Marshall—J. C. Blackwood, Grand Marshall—J. C. A. Power,

Sparlanburg. Grand Marshal.—C. A. Powet

Laurens.
Senior Gland Deacons-J. H. Fowles, Columbia and T. D. Boland, Ware Shoals, Grand Tiler-M. A. Winkler, Char-

Gen Jackson's Menument.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A bill to
appropriate \$500,000 to aid the Androw Jackson Memorial association to
erect a monument to Gen. Jackson at
Nashville was introduced by Reprosentative Byrnes, Tennessee.

leston.

London, Dec. 16.—The Melbourne correspondent of the Times telegraphe:

"Advices from the Sante Cruz and Solomon Islands report that a drought has cuased the death of 4,000 melvas is bosse villages have been depopulated the advices say, and nobody is left to bury the dead."

Trade is Large.

Atlanta, Dec. 16.—Allanta, mer the Western Union to the Solomon Islands report that is charged several charges were made which were libelout. The case which were li

TROOPS IN ALBANIAN PORTS ANGLO-FRENCH

THE ITALIANS HAVE LANDED

Troops of the Entente Allies Will Threaten Teuton's Right Flank.

REINFORCED

London, Dec. 16 .- There is a hopeful feeling here regarding the Balkans, now that it is definitely announced that the Italians had effect ed a landing in Albania and the Anglo-French force at Saloniki that been strengly roinforced. It is not stated how large the Italian forces were which were sent to assist the Serblesen

From the fact that the official ac-From the fact that the official account intimates that landings were made at several ports, it is taken for granted that an army of considerable proportions will be sent. This, with the Serbians and Montenegrins, will be a serious threat to the central powers' right flank, while they can't look with iddeness on the concentration of forces at Salontid and the gathering of Russians in Besarabia. It is anticipated therefore that the Germans will a rike at Salonid before the Angle French forces grow too strong. It is believed that with that end in view they are now negotiating with Greece.

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If their plans include the Bul-garians, they are likely to meet Greek opposition, as Greece is strong-ly averse to any Bulgarians crossing the frontier. This applies also to some extent to Austrians, whose am-bitions have been nivays for an Aegean port, preferably Saloniat.

On the whole, therefore, it is thought here that the Greeks might prefer to see the entente allies ro-main there until the war ends. In lact, Lord Pobest Ceell, under-secre-tary for foreign affairs, in the house tary for foreign affairs, in the house of commons said that the entente plan was to keep the central powers from the city in accordance with Greek wishes

BELEIVED LULL MAY CONTINUE

London, Dec. 16,—A lull has set in on the Macedonian front which well informed Athens observers believe will continue until after the Greak will continue finisi after the Great elections Sunday. The allied forces, which are reported to number 200,000 are well fortified north of Saloniki, and should the Germans decide to atand should the Germans decide to attack, it will take them sometime to propare. Heavy guns are needed, and few if any of these are reported near the frontier.

In the entente capitals, the well organized retreat of the allies in the Balkans is viewed as one result of the new co-ordination among the allies. In London the retirement of Six

Grand Trasurer—William H. Prioleau, Charleston.
Grand Secretary—O. Frank Hast,
Columbia.
Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. P.
Smith, Spartanburg.
Senior Grand Deacons—J. P. Duckett, Anderson; and J. C. Bissell,
Gharleston. youngest general.

It is reported in Paris that the stock of gold of the bank of Frace has reached a record of a total bil-lion dollars.

BEARD IS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL LIBEL

Abbeville, Dec. 16.—The suit of Jas.
P. Gossett, president of the Cathoun mills, Calloun Falls against W. P. Beard for criminal libel, was tried before Magistrate Hammond on Friday.
Mr. Gossett was represented by Hon.
W. N. Graydon and Mr. Beard by Meatrs. Clinkscales and Anaine. Mr. Beard was bound over 16 the higher court.